

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Johann's Foreign Car Service, etc. Inventory Number ~~PG: 74B-47~~ PG: 74B-47
16500 15600 Old Central Avenue
Address: Crain Highway SE, south of Central Avenue, Prince George's County - in the vicinity of Bowie

Owner: Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Tax Parcel Number: 36 86

Tax Map Number: 70

Project MD 301

Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no yes Name: Date:

Eligibility recommended

Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district? X no yes Name of District:

Is district listed?: X no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The three structures along Crain Highway are typical examples of commercial structures found along this road. The structures range from one-and-a-half to two-and-a-half stories and are constructed of brick, wood siding and aluminum or vinyl siding. All three have front gables and the roofing materials appear to be restricted to asphalt shingles. The main entrances for all three structures are orientated toward Crain Highway with parking lots located in front of the buildings.

The States Road Commission began construction of the Robert Crain Highway (later US 301) in 1922. Crain Highway was designed to link southern Maryland's rural areas to northern Maryland's urban areas. With the introduction of a better road system, limited development was allowed to flourish along the corridors and within the rural areas of southern Maryland. When the Nice Memorial Bridge was completed in 1940 and linked the Virginia side of the Potomac to the Maryland side in Charles County, Crain Highway served as a bypass between Florida and New York. The automobile allowed expansion beyond the traditional town design and as the post-World War II era progressed, new road construction resulted in the suburbanization of the previously sparsely-settled portions of

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

10/26/99
Date

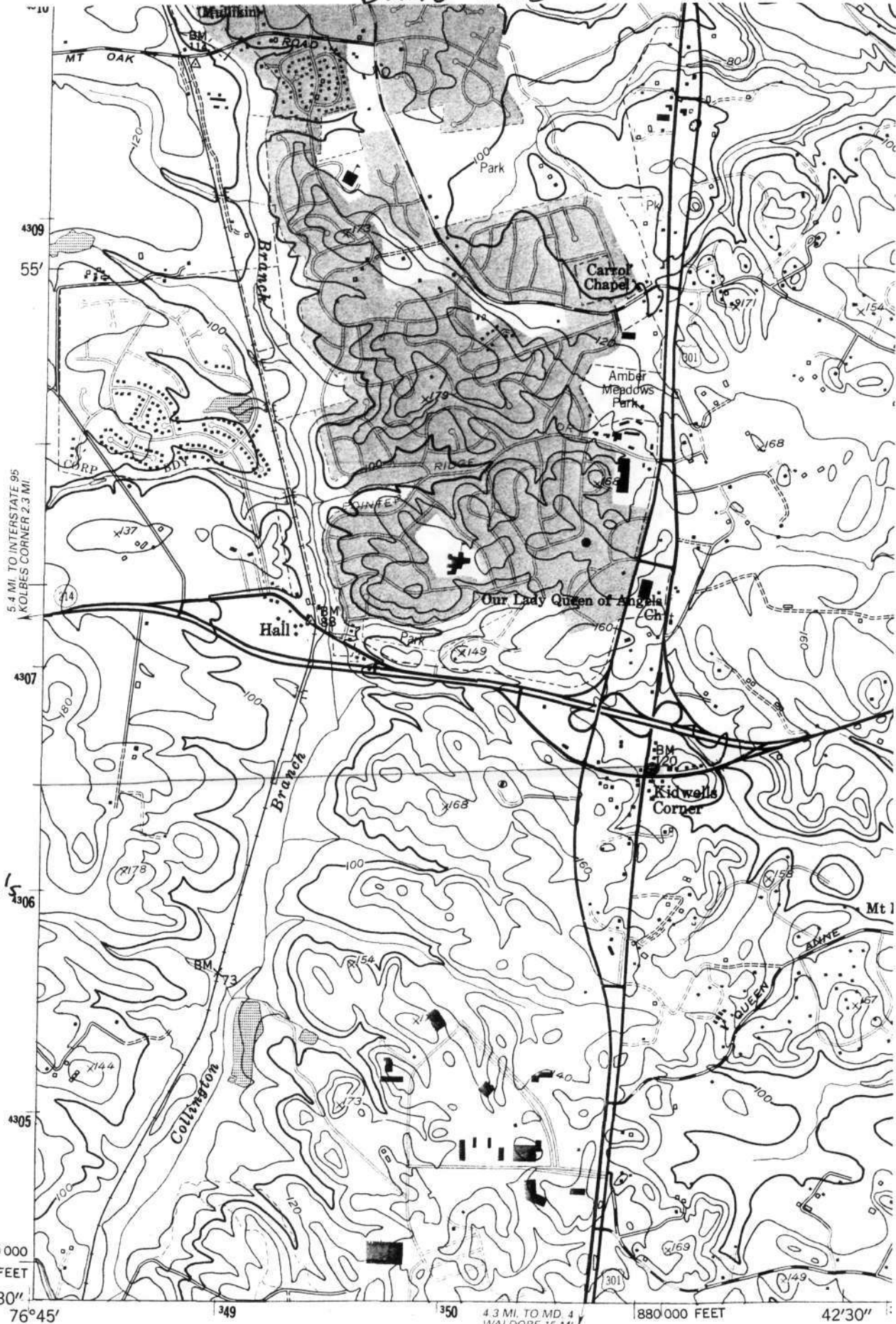
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Date

northern Prince George's County. Crain Highway was widened in 1950 to handle the increase in traffic.

These c.1940-1955 structures are not eligible for the National Register. While they are typical of the roadside commercial designs found along Crain Highway, the resources lack significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

BOWIE QUAD



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16500
15600
Old Central
Avenue
(Prince George's
County)

(UPPER MARLBORO)
5661 IV SE

Mapped by the Army Map Service
Revised by the United States Geological Survey

Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA

Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1943. Topography by planetable surveys 1944. Revised 1957



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